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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sogard et al. )  
Serial No: 09/903,307 ) Art Unit  
Filed: July 11, 2001 ) 2853  
For: STAGE ASSEMBLY HAVING A )  
FOLLOWER ASSEMBLY )  
Examiner: Lam S. Nguyen )  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment and response is to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 14, 2004. This amendment and response is timely filed because a one month extension of time has been paid for and requested.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class, postage prepaid mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, on this the 28 day of August, 2004.

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